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## Two Bound Over For Grand Jury Action

Hancock County Men were bound over to a grand jury on manslaughter charges in a preliminary hearing in the case of a 29-year-old Standard Commercial Bank employee, John Edgar Egan, and a 31-year-old Standard Commercial Bank employee, William Egan, both of the Standard Commercial Bank, Bay St. Louis, who were charged with the murder of a 29-year-old Standard Commercial Bank employee, John Edgar Egan, who was shot and killed on the premises of the bank on Monday, October 13, 1952.

### How To Mark Your Ballot

Did you know these facts concerning your ballot in the coming election? A voter may mark his ballot either by a cross (X) or check (✓) provided all marks on the ballot are either crosses or checks.

### STAR OF MOVIES, STAGE TO DIRECT NEXT SHOW OF LITTLE THEATRE



Mrs. Frances Day Jones, famous star of silent pictures and the Broadway stage, will direct the next production of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

### SJA ALUMNA HOLD ANNUAL HOMECOMING; MRS. JACOB NEW HEAD

Mrs. Dolis Jacob was elected president of the St. Joseph Academy Alumnae at its second annual homecoming held Sunday, October 19.



Scouts pledge allegiance to the flag, part of the program presented at a recent PTA meeting held in the Bay High Auditorium.

### BLOODMOBILE TO VISIT OCTOBER 28

The Bloodmobile will be in Bay St. Louis Tuesday, October 28 at the Youth Center from noon to 5:30 p. m.

### 21 Attend Semi-Annual VA Orientation Course

Twenty-one prospective volunteer workers of the American Red Cross Gulfport Ladies Service from Gulfport, Waveland, Pass Christian, Long Beach and Bay St. Louis, attended the semi-annual VA orientation course which was presented by the professional staff of the Gulfport Veterans Administration hospital Wednesday, Oct. 15.

### SCOUTS FEATURED AT JOINT PTA MEETING

The program feature of the Central PTA on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 21, was presented by the Scouts under Mrs. Don Chamberlain, who presented the Brownies under Mrs. Denham.

### Give Coffee Party Wed.

One of the most beautiful social affairs of the autumn season was the Coffee party given Wednesday with Mrs. A. J. Tognotti and Mrs. Edmond F. Fahey Jr. of this city and Mrs. Roy Baxter of Logtown entertaining together at the home of Mrs. Tognotti.

### FIRE DESTROYS MILLER HOME

Fire completely destroyed the house belonging to and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller. The fire was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Miller just after noon Monday as they were returning from taking their young son to school.

### Honored on Birthday

Phyllis Allison entertained a group of her class mates at the home of her parents, complimentary to Catherine Reese on the occasion of her birthday.

### Town Meeting at Pass

It has been announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held at the City Hall in Pass Christian on Saturday, October 29 at 8 p. m.

### Episcopal School HAS CIRCUS

The climax of a circus unit in the Episcopal school was a real circus program put on by the grade of the school. There were monkeys, lions, giraffes, trained dogs, seals, elephants, and camels.

### Entertains at Supper

Mr. Joe B. Burrow entertained at the rehearsal supper following the rehearsal of his daughter's wedding on the evening of Friday, October 18.

### WORLD COMMUNITY DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The United Council of Church Women in Bay St. Louis will observe World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 7 at 10:00 a. m. in Christ Church.

### New Scouts Pinned

Lynn Witter, Grace Woods, Charlene Schneider, Clara Kay Miller, Gail Pagouda and Geraldine Netto were given their Girl Scout pins at a recent investiture service.

### Attending Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDonald are spending the week at Point Clear, Ala., where they have joined other members of Mrs. McDonald's family for a reunion.

### Younger Sisters WIN AGAIN

Betty and Chickie Younger, known in equestrian circles as the Younger sisters of the Lory F. Stebbins, were again among the winners at Picayune last week.

### WEBB SCHOOL TO STAGE BAZAAR

The Webb School is staging a Bazaar at the school Saturday, Nov. 8 from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. Whatever you may happen to need may be purchased at the Webb School Bazaar.

### Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cameron, Rocky Hill, announce the birth of a daughter at the Kings Daughters Hospital Monday, Oct. 20.

### CITY-WIDE HALLOWEEN PARTY IS SLATED FOR OCT. 31

A city-wide Halloween Party is all set for the night of October 31, when the Bay St. Louis Lions Club sponsors a civic enterprise for the first time.

### PROTESTANTS PLAN RELIGIOUS CENSUS

A religious census will be conducted by the Protestant churches of Bay St. Louis to determine the church affiliation or preference of the citizens of the city.

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### DR. ODLE TO SPEAK TO BAPTIST CHURCH



The First Baptist Church will hold a leadership banquet in the church at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The banquet is being given in honor of Dr. John Odle, pastor of the church.

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Mrs. Paul Miller, President of the League of Women Voters, has announced that Lee D. Hall, Associate Justice of Jackson, Miss., will talk before the League members and their guests on Monday, Nov. 3, at 8 p. m. at the Youth Center. Justice Hall has chosen as his subject the "State Constitution." His talk will deal with the constitution relative to its revision.

Justice Hall was born in Laurel and moved to Lumberton when quite young. He attended Mississippi College, and in 1912 was graduated with honors. He received his law degree from the University of Mississippi in the year 1915 and then entered practice in partnership with his brother, Tony Hall, in Columbia.

Justice Hall was elected to the Supreme Court in 1948, succeeding Judge V. A. Griffith, who did not aspire for re-election. The Justice has the distinction of being the first veteran of World War I to sit on the bench in the Supreme Court. In addition he has been a member of the Columbia Rotary Club for twenty-nine years.

Every progressive citizen will want to hear Justice Hall's talk. One need not be a member of the League of Women Voters in order to take advantage of this informative program. A dinner preceding the program will take place at the Reed Hotel at which Justice and Mrs. Hall will be guests of honor. The public is invited to the dinner, which will be \$2.00 per plate. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner need not feel the compulsion to attend the dinner unless he wishes, but those desiring to take part in the full program can make reservations through Mrs. Leo Seal.

The preceding announcement was made at a meeting of the Executive Board of the League at the home of Mrs. E. P. Kirkpatrick on Beach Blvd. on Monday October 20. When the usual business procedure was dispensed with a discussion followed relative to a trailer which has been purchased by the league entitled "Exercise Your Vote" and which will be shown at the local movie houses prior to the November election. Plans also were made for the distribution of the usual helpful dodgers and information presented at the polls as a courtesy of the league on election day. This information follows the policy of the league in being strictly non-partisan.

It was announced that the second in a series of study periods would be held at the home of Mrs. Miller on Friday, November 14 at 10 a. m. with coffee following. The subject at this meeting will be "County Schools." All interested parents are invited to sit in on the meeting at which various aspects of the rural schools will be discussed. One need not be a member to attend.

At the first study group meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. J. William Hill Jr. on October 17, S. J. Ingram, Superintendent of Bay St. Louis schools, revealed in his program some very enlightening and encouraging facts concerning the progress of the school system. Listed among the most prominent of these improvements were a \$2.00 increase in State Grants to the city, per group, per capita, a salary increase for white teachers from \$1900 a year to \$2300, and colored faculty an increase of from \$1400 to \$1795 per annum.

Superintendent Ingram explained the plan of the school system to instruct classrooms to take care of the children by and mentally handicapped children of this community. He stated that the school system was planning to build a new school building for the purpose of educating the children of this community. He stated that the school system was planning to build a new school building for the purpose of educating the children of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trapani and daughter Janet Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Favre and daughter Lory, drove to New Orleans on Friday night to attend the SSC-Del-Salle football game.

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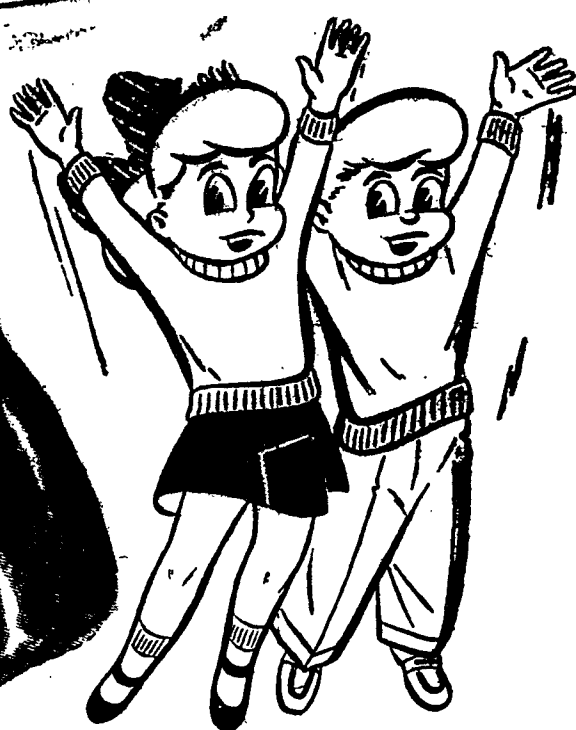
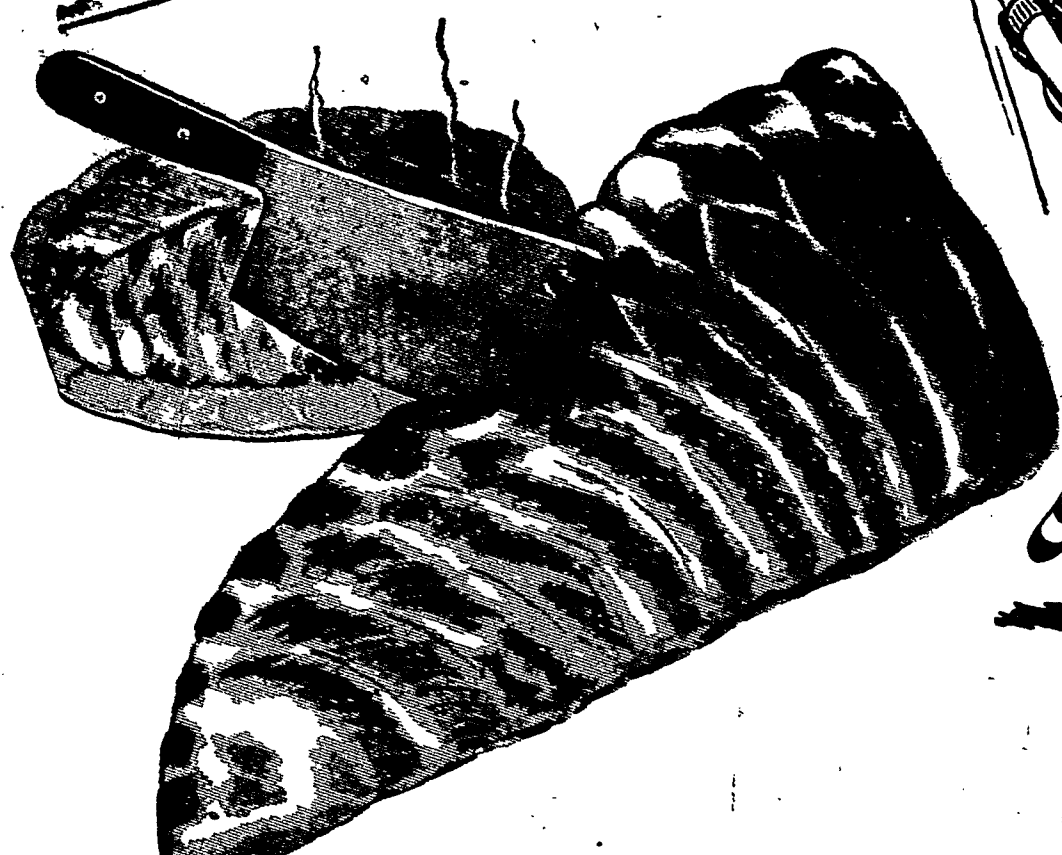
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# FIRE PERILS MISSISSIPPI WARNS STATE FORESTER

Mississippi forests are "powder dry," and every precaution should be taken against fires, James W. Craig, State Forester, warned. He said the Mississippi Delta area, where much of the State's hardwood is grown, is the chief concern.

Craig asked that all persons entering wooded areas use every precaution in extinguishing flames. He urged landowners and others in wooded areas not to burn off land until after a good rain. The forester said that in the Delta all natural firebreaks such as bayous and sloughs have dried up because of the long drought.

# Lions See Film At First October Meeting

The Bay St. Louis Lions Club, in their first regular meeting for October held Monday at Hotel Reed, enjoyed a film entitled "Price of Freedom," which was presented by the Mississippi Power Company.

Don McCulloch brought the film to the Lions Club from the Gulfport office and through the auspices of Homer Gregory, manager of the power company's Bay St. Louis office.

The film told the story of a young newspaper man, who changed his ways from an amusing writer to a champion of freedom and the ideals of a democracy, and persuaded his publisher to embark on a crusade for freedom.

In Club activities, the Lions Club heard a report on the Charter Night held last Thursday at Hotel Reed, heard a report from Chairman Warren Carver on the committee's plans for the community Halloween party for youngsters and adults, scheduled for the night of October 31; heard a report from the Bowl Committee, headed by Lion Earl Ramond, on the establishment of an annual Lions Bowl Game for Bay St. Louis. Other committee members on the football project are Lions John Seafidi, John Damborino and Warren Carver.

The tentative date of November 28 has been selected, and attempts will be made to secure two outstanding high school teams for the event.

The next regular meeting of the Bay club will be Monday, October 27 at noon.

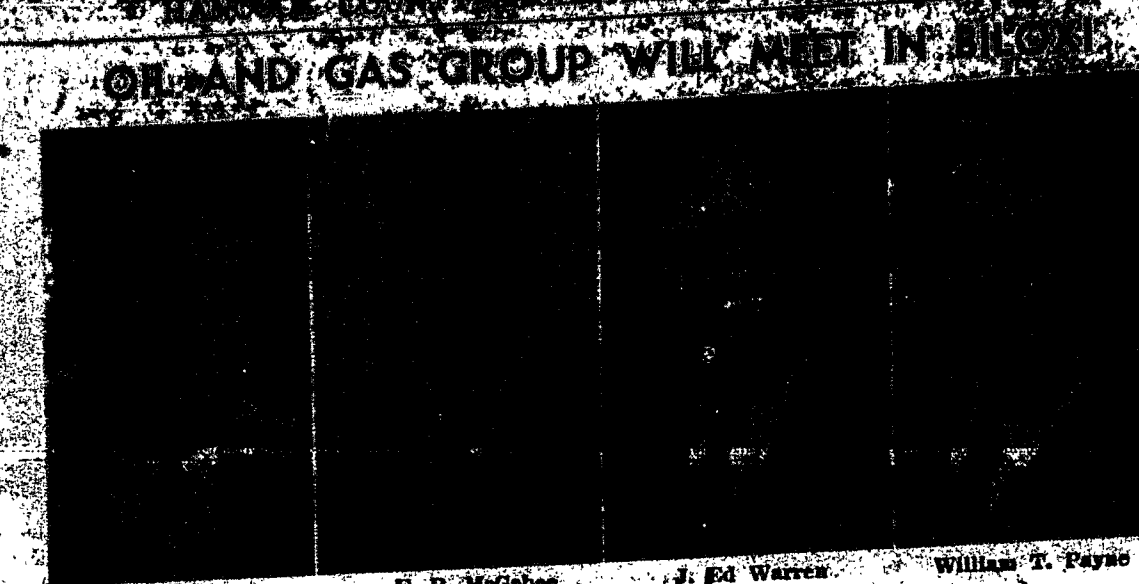
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E. D. Kenna E. B. McGehee J. Ed Warren William T. Payne  
 The Mississippi-Alabama Division, will preside over the membership meeting, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, will hold its eighth annual meeting in Biloxi on October 31 and November 1. E. D. Kenna (left), executive vice president, will be in charge of arrangements and E. B. McGehee (left center), Jackson independent operator and 1952 president of the

# Gulf Refining Company Marks Oil Progress Week With Report of Deep Drilling Campaign And New Fields Discovered

JACKSON, MISS.—(Special)—Thirty-five years ago, in 1917, Gulf Refining Company first became interested in Mississippi's oil and gas possibilities. Never, in all these years, has Gulf's faith in Mississippi's potential production faltered. And, today, this pioneering company, now one of the State's largest producers of oil and natural gas, continues to discover new fields and is pushing a highly significant deep drilling campaign.

Completes 34 Wells  
 During the year ending October first, Gulf completed 34 wells in Mississippi. Fifteen of these were development wells resulting in four dry wells and eleven producers.

19 Wildcats—3 new Fields  
 Nineteen of the 34 wells were wildcats of which sixteen were dry and three were completed as producers resulting in the adding of three new producing fields—Hillman, Ireland and Wilkinson—to the State's list of producing areas.

New Discoveries  
 Gulf is now in the process of completing two additional new discoveries: the N. W. McCrae No. 3 in Franklin County, which may be another new field; and the W. J. Howard No. 2, a 10,985 foot gas and distillate well in the Paluxy formation in the Baxterville field.

Deep Drilling Campaign  
 Gulf's deep drilling campaign includes: Jones County "A", a well near Sandersville, now drilling below 13,000 feet; US of America "A", a well in Pearl River County, now drilling below 12,000 feet; and J. M. Andrews No. 25 in the Baxterville field, now below 13,000 feet. These deep tests are a part of Gulf's exploratory program that could lead to far reaching effect on the entire oil and gas industry in Mississippi.

510 Wells—100-Million Spent  
 Gulf has drilled a total of 510 wells in Mississippi and has been instrumental in the discovery of the Baxterville, Escata, Heidelberg, Overt and Soso fields. Gulf's expenditures in Mississippi in con-

# PATROL INSTALLS NEW RADAR SPEEDOMETERS

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, Commissioner of Public Safety, stated today "We have just completed a special training course for 20 or more of our officers in the working of and operating the Radar Speedometers. These men were trained by Specialists at Keeler Field."

Says Birdsong further, "We have been warning the Public now with one of these machines for approximately 18 months. Over 25,000 persons have been checked by this machine and warned. Beginning October 1, these machines will be used in each District on a statewide basis, and for the month of October, all persons checked will be given warning tickets, which read as follows:

**MISSISSIPPI  
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 You have just been checked by a Radar Speedometer.  
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 SLOW DOWN AND LIVE LONGER!

with a continued stepped-up enforcement policy of the Patrol. We are not trying to slip up on anyone. But the speeding on Mississippi highways must be reduced now. We urge all drivers to slow down before being forced to.

Colonel Birdsong further stated: "We will warn on a statewide uniform policy basis for the month of October and beginning November we intend to speed up our enforcement. We intend to use the radar speedometer to check the motorist voluntarily comply with the law, rather than take enforcement action; however, some drivers have no regard for the safety of others and will have to be made to respect the rights of others through such enforcement."

**K. D. HOSPITAL NEWS.**  
 Henry Lachar, 41, has been discharged from the King Daughters Hospital.  
 Mrs. Alex. Connelly, underwent a major operation Tuesday, Sept. 30. She is reported doing nicely.  
 Rosemary Tuttle, who has been a prominent patient in the hospital for more than a week, was discharged on Wednesday, October 2.  
 Henry Miller, 40, who has been in the hospital for a week, was discharged on Wednesday, October 2.

**LOCAL OBSERVE SCOUT WEEK**  
 Observing the memory of Scoutmaster Low, Scoutmaster of Girl Scout Troop 100, will observe Scout Week on October 23, 24 and 25. The Girl Scouts plan to attend their annual service Sunday, October 26, at the local church.

Girl Scout Week includes several activities for the girl scouts, with a different obligation each day. Monday, homecoming; Tuesday, singing; Wednesday, health and safety; Thursday, International Friendship; Friday, arts and crafts; and Saturday, out-of-door.

This is a copy of a letter written by Miss Low to some Girl Scouts in another part:

"Dear Girl Scouts: I hope that we shall all remember the spirit of this Girl Scout week of ours. They are: To play fair, to play in your place, to play for your side and not for yourself and as for the score the best in the game is the fun and not the result.  
 "So when the great recorder comes, let us have the great record of our Scout Week."

**Good News**  
 The Good News held its first meeting Monday night. These officers were elected: Louise Smith, President; Schaefer, Myrtle; M. W. Smith, Secretary; and M. W. Smith, Treasurer.

The three new members and visitors were: Mrs. E. Joyce, and Mrs. Canale. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Canale at 17th and the state hour.

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**KILN NEWS**

**KILN COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS AT SCHOOL**

On the second Monday afternoon of October, the Kiln Community Club met in the lunchroom at the school with the president, Mrs. C. W. Weston, presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Griffith, gave her report and collected the dues.

The main topic of discussion at the business meeting was the dance to be given at the school on the 21st of the month. The club planned to have booths with a fortune teller in the hall, and other usual and unusual attractions in the hall, and a band.

During the ball game preceding the dance, cakes, candy and drinks are to be sold.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Kidd Saucier and his Country Playboys.

**HANCOCK COUNTY TEACHERS ORGANIZE**

At the first meeting of this session, the Hancock County Teachers met at Kiln School in order to organize for the coming session.

E. E. Smith, superintendent of the school at Sellers, was elected president; Oren Seal, superintendent at Gulfview school at Lakeshore, vice president; and Mrs. Gerald Kennedy, commerce teacher at Kiln, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Jeanne Doby Williams, who had been secretary of the association and a member of long standing, and who now is teaching in Harrison County, was offered a lifetime membership in the Hancock County Association.

**DOUBLEHEADER OPENS CAGE SEASON FOR KILN WILDCATS**

Kiln Boys defeated Dedeaux 19-14, but the Kiln girls met defeat 15-7 in a doubleheader against Dedeaux which opened the basketball season at Kiln Friday night, October 17.

In the first game, played by the girls' teams, Kiln girls found themselves outclassed by the Dedeaux team, but the Kiln girls played a hard game, with the guards really putting up a struggle to keep down the Dedeaux score.

Lineup for the girls was as follows:

KILN: Beverly Jean Mauffray, points, 2.

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## New Medical School, Hospital To Be Heart of State Program

Champions in Mississippi's age-old battle to provide needed medical care for the state's 2 million widely scattered rural citizens may look forward to a new array of arms and weapons upon completion of the new \$8,500,000 University Medical School and Teaching Hospital in Jackson sometime within the next two years.

Establishment of this "first class" hospital of its kind in Mississippi history will create the heart of a system of local and regional hospitals provided in recent years to bring modern medical care within the reach of every citizen.

The centrally located Jackson medical training school, one of the best in the long range war on disease and sickness, not only will train doctors, nurses and other medical technicians for the fight, but will provide a center of research, education, prevention and patient care.

The teaching hospital itself, part of the carefully studied overall plan for a modern medical college, will, when complete, be Mississippi's largest, having 850 beds and facilities for 50,000 outpatients annually. Eventual expansion will bring 1,000 beds.

The school itself, providing the first year medical course ever in Mississippi and under supervision of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, will be established in 1952, with 320 student doctors with an eventual 400 enrollment possible.

Mississippi's doctor shortage, especially in remote rural sections, has been a problem for many years and a state-supported scholarship program for financing physicians has been in operation that they return to practice in a rural community.

The state has conducted a successful and wide-spread health program for many years, but a shortage of hospital beds was brought to light through a survey made available under the Hill-Burton Bill.

To recognize the emergency, the legislature in 1946 appropriated funds and set up the Jackson Hospital Care to provide a makeshift, makeshift hospital in Jackson, and in 1948, the state legislature passed a law to build a new hospital in Jackson.

The project on which work is expected to begin in November is considered to be the first of its kind started from "scratch."

Dr. Donald G. Anderson, secretary of medical education and hospital care for the American Medical Association, which must approve a medical school, says it is "one of the nicest he's ever seen."

The entire building, an integration of the Medical School and Teaching Hospital, contains 488,000 square feet of floor space, 250,000 of which are allocated to the school, and 238,000 for the hospital, with a 32,000 foot service building to be attached by a tunnel.

The structure will be seven stories high and will be of reinforced concrete construction with brick masonry with exterior aluminum trim. The interior will have painted plaster walls, acoustical ceilings, facing tile and ceramic tile wainscoting, tile floors and will be air-conditioned throughout.

The Medical School will contain eight departments, each with a department containing a student laboratory and large lecture room. Library facilities will be installed on the second floor.

The departments are as follows: Surgery, anatomy and body storage, administration and outpatient, pharmacology and therapeutics, chemistry, pathology, bacteriology and parasitology, physiology and bio-physics and anatomy.

The school and hospital have been set up to provide the following functions in the order of their importance: (1) care of patient, (2) education, (3) research, (4) prevention.

The outpatient department, capable of handling 200 persons per day, will include medical and surgical facilities, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and specialty clinics for eye, ear, nose, throat and dental patients.

The hospital portion of the building is to be a modern teaching unit consisting of 360 beds, half of which by law must be used for charity cases. Six nursing floors, each with two nursing wings accommodating 30 beds each, will be included. The surgery section of the hospital on the second floor will provide 10 operating rooms.

A central sterile supply and laboratory serving surgery below will occupy the third floor, and obstetrics suites will be situated on the floor above, with 48 bassinets for the new born nursery, 16 incubators for a premature nursery, and 3 bassinets in isolation nursery. Emergency patients will be received in a large emergency department readily accessible on the ground floor by ambulance and automobile. An X-ray department will complete medical facilities.

The impressive structure will occupy a prominent elevated area on a 144-acre site in near north Jackson on state-owned property at one time occupied by the State for the insane, now at Whitfield. It will be conveniently situated at the junction of U. S. Highway 51 and North State Street.

Completion of the job is scheduled for 1954, with first classes and patients probably admitted not before 1955.

**MISSISSIPPI COTTON CROP IMPROVED**

Mississippi's cotton crop improved considerably during August, and the government forecast as of September 1 for 1951 is 1,600,000 bales, according to D. A. McCandless, chief of the Agricultural Statistics in the state. This is an increase of 150,000 bales above the forecast of August 1, and is nearly the same as the 1951 total of 1,608,000 bales.

The state's 10-year average production (1941-1950) was 1,651,800 bales. Two thirds of the increase during August was in the Delta.

Part of the state's increase in prospective production is due to the relatively small abandonment of acreage this year. Only 0.7 per cent of the acreage in cultivation on July 1 in Mississippi is now expected to be abandoned, compared with the 10-year average of 2.2 per cent. Last season 5.0 per cent of the acreage was abandoned before harvest time.

Most of the improvement, however, McCandless said, was caused by showers that came during August to nearly all parts of the state. These showers were rather local in distribution, but in most places were sufficient to stop the premature opening of bolls, which was becoming serious in most places a month ago, he said. During August a few more bolls were set on late cotton, but most of the increase in prospective yields per acre is due to the bolls continuing to grow to normal development before opening.

The crop is opening earlier than usual, McCandless reported, and picking is in progress in all parts of the state. Weather has generally been excellent for picking, and by Sept. 1 202,489 running bales had been ginned in Mississippi, compared with 147,745 last year, and 17,361 in 1950.

The September 1 forecast for the cotton crop of the United States is 13,889,000 bales. This is 486,000 bales, or 6 per cent, less than the August 1 forecast, and compares with the 1951 crop of 15,144,000 bales and the 10-year average of 11,775,000. During August, losses in Texas, Oklahoma, and the Southeast, more than offset increases in central and far-western areas.

Continued Next Week

**KILN NEWS**

**KILN COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS AT SCHOOL**

On the second Monday afternoon of October, the Kiln Community Club met in the lunchroom at the school with the president, Mrs. C. W. Weston, presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Griffith, gave her report and collected the dues.

The main topic of discussion at the business meeting was the dance to be given at the school on the 21st of the month. The club planned to have booths with a fortune teller in the hall, and other usual and unusual attractions in the hall, and a band.

During the ball game preceding the dance, cakes, candy and drinks are to be sold.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Kidd Saucier and his Country Playboys.

**HANCOCK COUNTY TEACHERS ORGANIZE**

At the first meeting of this session, the Hancock County Teachers met at Kiln School in order to organize for the coming session.

E. E. Smith, superintendent of the school at Sellers, was elected president; Oren Seal, superintendent at Gulfview school at Lakeshore, vice president; and Mrs. Gerald Kennedy, commerce teacher at Kiln, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Jeanne Doby Williams, who had been secretary of the association and a member of long standing, and who now is teaching in Harrison County, was offered a lifetime membership in the Hancock County Association.

**DOUBLEHEADER OPENS CAGE SEASON FOR KILN WILDCATS**

Kiln Boys defeated Dedeaux 19-14, but the Kiln girls met defeat 15-7 in a doubleheader against Dedeaux which opened the basketball season at Kiln Friday night, October 17.

In the first game, played by the girls' teams, Kiln girls found themselves outclassed by the Dedeaux team, but the Kiln girls played a hard game, with the guards really putting up a struggle to keep down the Dedeaux score.

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